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SUBJ: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 216409

1. WE ARE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO INTERPRET THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHAT MAY APPEAR TO GOM LEADERSHIP AS AN ARBITRARY USG DECISION. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE COTTON TEXTILE BILATERAL AGREEMENT IS PERMITTED TO EXPIRE PER REFTEL, WOULD MALTA BE BARRED FROM ALL COTTON TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES?

2. IN THE INTEREST OF PRESERVING OTHER USG OBJECTIVES IN MALTA AND OF SAFEGUARDING US INVESTMENTS, I BELIEVE SEVERAL FACTORS SHOULD BE RE-EXAMINED IN LIGHT OF THE VIEW EXPRESSED IN THE REFERENCED MESSAGE. THE FIRST IS THAT, REGARDLESS WHETHER MALTA WOULD BE BARRED FROM ANY COTTON TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE U.S. IN THE ABSENCE OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT, GOM OFFICIALS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES IN THE PAST HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THE EXISTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT. MOREOVER, SINCE MALTA HAS RECENTLY NOT RPT NOT AVAILED ITSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPORT LARGE QUANTITIES
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OF COTTON TEXTILES TO THE U.S., IT DOES NOT SEEM

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THAT EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WOULD HURT THE UNITED STATES. FINALLY, AT LEAST ONE LOCAL MANUFACTURING CONCERN, WHICH IS ONE-THIRD US-OWNED, HAS EXPRESSED THE INTENTION TO ADD COTTON BLUE JEANS TO ITS CURRENT LINE OF POLYESTER CLOTHING, ALL OF WHICH IS INTENDED FOR EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. FOR THE REASONS CITED ABOVE I BELIEVE THE DECISION REPORTED IN STATE 216409 SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED. IN ANY EVENT, WE WILL NEED FURTHER SPECIFICS.
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